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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: December 17, 1956

SUBJECT: US-Saudi Arabian Relations

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Floyd Ohliger, Vice President, ARAMCO
Mr. James T. Duce, Vice President, ARAMCO
Mr. Homer Mueller, ARAMCO

Mr. Fraser Wilkins, NE
Mr. David D. Newsom, NE

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Mr. Ohliger, who was in the United States briefly on company business, expressed the belief that King Saud had followed a very helpful policy during the recent crisis. Mr. Wilkins agreed that, in general, this was so, although it was apparent that King Saud did not see certain situations in the same light as we did. He referred, particularly, to the Syrian problem. Mr. Ohliger felt that the general policies which the United States had pursued were helpful and appreciated. Mr. Newsom said that the King was making a statement to this effect and that we had indicated our appreciation of this gesture.

In answer to a question, Mr. Ohliger said he believed the King was more and more taking the lead in affairs in Saudi Arabia, although naturally he had to be responsive to other opinions around him. Mr. Ohliger seemed generally satisfied with the company's relations with

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